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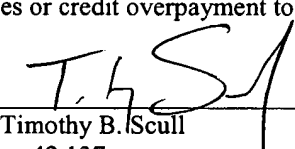
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 21, 2005, please amend Claim 20 as follows:

20. (Currently Amended) A computer system for disseminating information in a distributed network comprising:

a receive module for receiving a broadcast message;

a storage module for storing information related to other nodes in the network in a partial view, wherein the partial view is specific to each node and independent of hierarchical relationships; and

a communication module for transmitting broadcast information to nodes indicated in the partial view.